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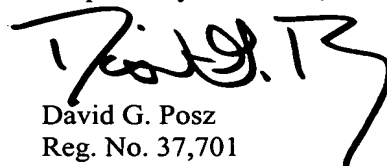
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is/are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that it/they constitute(s) statutory prior art, or without any admission that it/they contain(s) subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		5,343,470 (discussed on p.3 of spec)	8/30/94	Hideshima et al.		
		4,779,092	10/18/88	Takao		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

TRANSLATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
		JP-A-H4-63744	2/28/92	JAPAN				X	
		JP-A-4-310444	11/2/92	JAPAN				X	
		JP-A-7-327044	12/12/92	JAPAN				X	

OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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